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Fire Marshal's Office

Fire Protection Systems Inspection Procedures

Initial construction must have the following witnessed by the Building Inspector:

Before Close-In

- **1.** Wall close in with all penetrations through rated assemblies sealed and fire stopped in accordance with approved systems.
- 2. Signs or stencils shall be in place at ceiling close in identifying rated fire/smoke walls, barriers, and partitions.
- 3. Ceiling close in after inspection of all sprinkler system components completed
- **4.** Ceiling close in after inspection of grease duct cooking system.

Fire Code occupancy requirements-Minimum

- 1. In service Fire Alarm
- 2. In service Sprinkler System
- 3. In service Emergency Power
- 4. In service Exit Ways
- 5. In service Stair Pressurization (If required)
- **6.** Phase I/ Phase II Elevator Recall (If required)
- 7. One (1) fully finished floor as buffer (if multiple floors)
- 8. Smoke control systems
- 9. BDA systems tested and accepted
- **10.** Functional Test All fire/smoke dampers
- 11. Posting of occupant load in every room or space of assembly occupancies
- 12. All construction MUST be completed, to include painting for Final Inspections

Certificate / Documents needed:

- 1. Underground fire service main test
- 2. Above ground sprinkler test certificate
- 3. Certificate of completion per fire alarm/ sprinkler installation
- 4. Central Station Certificate per protected property (UL)
- 5. All flame spread and smoke-developed ratings verified via specs or approved submittals
- **6.** MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets)
- 7. Smoke control and stair pressurization commissioning documentation
- 8. Generator commissioning documentation
- **9.** Special Inspections certification for Fireresistant penetrations and joints in high-rise or risk category III or IV buildings

General requirements of the Fire Marshal's Office:

- 1. All weather roadways
- 2. Water supply (hydrants or other approved water supply)
- 3. Trash removal
- 4. All utility services
- 5. Parking in the building is to be approved in advance
- 6. Introduction of furnishings and combustibles to be approved in advance